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**MINUTES**

OF THE

**STATE CONVENTION**

OF THE

BAPTIST DENOMINATION

IN

**SOUTH CAROLINA,**

AT ITS TWENTY-SECOND ANNIVERSARY,

*Held with the Baptist Church at Anderson C. H., commencing on the 10th, and ending on the 12th, of December, 1842.*

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SATURDAY, DEC. 10th.

THE introductory sermon was preached by Rev. J. M. Chiles, on 2 Cor. v. 14: "For the love of Christ constraineth us."

The credentials of delegates were called for, and their names enrolled.

*Charleston Association.*—C. M. Breaker, J. S. Antley, S. Furman,† W. T. Brantley,† J. B. Miller,† D. R. Lide,† W. E. Hughson,† M. T. Mendenhall,† T. Adams,† H. W. Mahoney,† T. Mason,† C. Williams,† W. W. Childers,† J. Scott,† J. Smith,† R. Reynolds,† C. Kemmerlin.†

*Edgefield Association.*—W. B. Johnson, J. M. Chiles, Z. Watkins, W. P. Hill, M. M. Abney,† J. F. Peterson,† J. Trapp,† T. Payne,† Wm. Harris,† Joel Curry.†

*Savannah River Association.*—E. Lathrop, W. Hall,† W. A. Lawton,† G. Kempton, A. J. Lawton, L. J. Robert,† G. Rhodes,† Jos. A. Lawton, W. J. Harley, M. R. Soares,† B. H. Brown,† S. Warner,† D. Bailey.†

*Welsh Neck Association.*—J. C. Furman, T. P. Lide,† J. Culpeper.

*Edisto Baptist Association.*—J. H. Pearson Thos. Turner,† W. Fort,† J. G. Able,† J. G. O. Wilkinson,† L. Hickson,† A. M. Arthur, James Tupper,† James Purvis.†

*Charleston Juvenile Female Missionary and Education Society.*—J. L. Reynolds, D. R. Lide.†

† Absentees.

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*Mount Moriah Female Missionary and Benevolent Society.*—

*Newberry Baptist Church.*— — — —.

*Buck River Baptist Church.*— — — —.

*Anderson District Missionary Society.*—Wm. Magee, S. Vandiver,† A. H. Magee, A. Rice.

*Peniel Benevolent Society.*—A. Rice, Wm. Holmes.

*Shiloh Baptist Church.*— — — —.

*Monticello Female Benevolent Society.*— — — —.

*Fairfield Baptist Church.*—J. L. Reynolds, J. Culpeper, W. Smith.†

*Tyger River Association.*—S. Gibson,† J. Dean,† J. G. Landrum,† J. C. Green,† H. Mitchell,† D. J. Barnett,† J. Senter,† H. J. Dean,† J. M. Roberts.

*Silverton Missionary Society.*— — — —.

*Little River Church.*—J. Davis,† B. V. Lakin.

*Flat Rock Church.*—C. M. Breaker, A. J. Chaplin, J. M. C. Breaker.

1. The following officers were elected: W. B. Johnson, President; J. Davis, Vice President; J. C. Furman, Secretary.

2. A letter was received from the Padgett's Creek Church, Union district, seeking admission for its delegates, as members of the Convention, which was unanimously granted; and Elder E. Ray, the attending delegate, was accordingly received.

3. The Constitution, and Rules of Order, were read.

4. Ministering brethren, in attendance, not delegates, were invited to take part in the deliberations of the Convention.

5. The committee on the order of preaching, was appointed to consist of the pastor and deacons of the church, J. M. Roberts, and A. M'Arthur.

6. A communication was received from the Charleston Female Juvenile Missionary and Education Society, which was committed to the President, to report at the next meeting of Convention.

7. A letter from the Georgia Baptist Convention was read, and referred to the Committee on Correspondence. Also, a communication from Rev. Isaac M'Coy, and another from the Rev. David Benedict.

8. On motion, it was *Resolved*, that so much of the letter from the Georgia Convention, as relates to the subject of theological education, be referred to a special committee of five, of which the President of this body shall be chairman. The following other members were appointed by the Chair: Culpeper, Rice, Reynolds, J. C. Furman.

9. A letter of correspondence was received from the Saluda Association, by the hands of their messengers, M. Gambrell, T. Dawson, A. Acker, G. W. Masters, J. Pratt, J. Burriss, S. Fantt, R. Burriss, A. Clinscales. G. Kempton was appointed to prepare a letter in reply, to be borne by brethren Chiles, Hill, and Watkins.

10. J. L. Reynolds was appointed to write to the Georgia Con-

vention; W. B. Johnson, Harley, Culpeper, Breaker, and J. C. Furman, messengers. A. M'Arthur to write to the North Carolina Convention; Culpeper, Reynolds, Hill, Magee, Chiles, Grisham, Roberts, Rice, M. Gambrell, and T. Dawson, messengers.

11. The following committees were appointed: *On Accounts*—A. H. Magee, Kempton, E. Ray, Antley, Harley. *On the place and time of next Meeting and Persons to preach*—Chiles, Hill, Watkins, Breaker, Culpeper. *On Corresponding Communications*—J. L. Reynolds, E. Lathrop, Jos. A. Lawton, J. H. Pearson, W. Magee, W. P. Hill.

12. A special committee was raised, to inquire into the expediency of devising some plan, whereby the publications of the American Baptist Publication Society may be more generally circulated at the South. A. Rice, W. P. Hill, Chiles, Breaker, Kempton, and Grisham, were appointed the committee.

13. It was ordered, that 1500 copies of the Minutes of this meeting be printed, and the printing referred to the Secretary. It was further ordered, that the Constitution of the Convention be printed with the Minutes.

14. The Treasurer's Report was received, and committed to the committee on accounts.

15. The committee to make a nomination of members to constitute the Board of Agents, was appointed to consist of J. M. Roberts, A. J. Chaplin, J. M. C. Breaker, A. M'Arthur, J. Culpeper.

After prayer by brother Rice, the Convention adjourned to 10 o'clock, on Monday morning.

#### SABBATH.

Public worship was held in the Presbyterian and Baptist churches. The charity sermon was preached by Rev. Jos. A. Lawton, on Luke xv. 7. Public worship was also held at the Academy, for the accommodation of the colored people.

#### MONDAY, 10 o'clock.

16. The Convention met. Prayer by J. M. Chiles.

17. The committee on the place and time of the next meeting, and the persons to preach, reported, recommending the next meeting be held with the Flat Rock Church, Kershaw district; that Bro. W. B. Johnson preach the introductory sermon, J. C. Furman his alternate; that J. O. B. Dargan preach the charity sermon, J. Culpeper his alternate.

18. It was ordered, that the collection taken up on Sunday, be divided between the funds for General Purposes, and for foreign Missions.

19. On motion, it was *Resolved*, that in view of the present spiritual condition of our brethren of the Jewish faith, in this country, and the desire which is, to a considerable degree felt, that the Executive Committee of the American Baptist Home Mission Society should make an effort to provide for their wants, we recommend to that body, should they deem it expedient, the employment of a missionary to the Jews, and urge the churches within our bounds to contribute funds for the support of such a missionary.



20. A communication was received from the Pipe Creek Female Missionary Society, enclosing a contribution for an object specially designated. *Ordered*, that the Treasurer transfer this amount, with the necessary information, to the Treasurer of the Board in Boston.

21. The following members were appointed the Board of Agents, for the ensuing year: Johnson, Furman, A. J. Lawton, J. Culpeper, C. M. Breaker, A. Rice, Z. Watkins, J. M. Roberts.

The Convention adjourned to 3 o'clock.

22. The letters to the Saluda Association, and to the North Carolina Convention, were read and accepted.

23. The Committee on Accounts reported as follows:

## M O N E Y S

### SENT UP TO CONVENTION BY VARIOUS BODIES AND INDIVIDUALS.

NAMES OF CONTRIBUTORS.	For. Bible Soc'y.	American and Foreign Mission	Burman Mission.	Burman Institution.	Burman Purposes.	General Purposes.	Education Purposes.	For Beneficent Purposes.	Burman Bible Society.	Domestic Mission.	Society. Education	Total.
Edgefield Association...				22 50								22 50
Edisto Association.....	3 00	37 19										40 19
Charleston Fe. Ed Soc'y.			50 00							50 00	50 00	150 00
Anderson Dis. Mis. Soc'y.	2 00	36 35			34 35							72 70
Saluda Association.....	9 50	9 50			9 50					9 50		38 00
Tyger River Association.		40 06										40 06
Padgett's Creek Church.					6 80			0 50				7 30
Peniel Missionary Soc'y.					8 50							8 50
Flat Rock Church.....						11 00						11 00
Little River Church.....							6 00					6 00
Fairfield Church.....						10 00						10 00
Pipe Creek Fe. Mis. Soc.			35 00									35 00
Collection on Sabbath...		29 42			29 42							58 85
<b>TOTALS.....</b>	<b>14 50</b>	<b>152 46</b>	<b>85 00</b>	<b>22 50</b>	<b>88 57</b>	<b>21 00</b>	<b>6 00</b>	<b>0 50</b>	<b>59 50</b>	<b>50 00</b>	<b>510 10</b>	

We have examined the Treasurer's Accounts, and found them correctly cast, and well vouched.

ABNER H. MAGEE, *Chairman.*

Report concurred in.

24. The Committee on Correspondence submitted the following report, which was concurred in, and ordered to be printed:

The Committee on Communications from corresponding bodies, beg leave to report as follows:

They recommend the American Indian Mission Association to the notice of the Convention, and request that the Circular which was sent to this body, by Bro. M' Coy, be published in the Southern Baptist Advocate.

They would also request particular attention to the claims of the American and Foreign Bible Society, and recommend to the churches within our bounds, the formation of Societies auxiliary to the American and Foreign Bible Society. They are also of opinion, that it is desirable to form a State Bible Society, to meet at the same time and place as the Convention, and to be composed of delegates from the various auxiliaries in the State. Your committee are unanimously in favor of home distribution.

They are also of opinion, that a depository of Bibles ought to be established in Charleston, in connection with that of the publications of the Baptist Publication Society; and that particular care should be taken to supply our people with books put forth under the patronage of the Denomination. In this connection, we call attention to the books of the New England Sabbath School Union, the depository of which is in Boston.

Your committee deem it unnecessary to repeat the recommendation, so often given by various Associations in the State, in favor of Sabbath Schools, as their obvious utility should commend them to all.

25. The Special Committee, raised on so much of the letter from the Georgia Baptist State Convention, as relates to theological education, submitted the following report:

The Special Committee, to whom was referred so much of the Corresponding Letter from the Georgia Baptist State Convention, as relates to ministerial education, present the following report:

The Georgia Convention suggests to this body, "the idea of the union of three States, say Alabama, Georgia, and South Carolina, or Georgia, and South and North Carolina," in the support of a "Theological Seminary, at the most central point," and that "each State support one or two Professors, as the case might require." The Convention supposes, that there would be "students enough in the three States to make the institution respectable and flourishing, as to numbers, and that the combined liberality of each State, would afford an ample and permanent endowment."

Your committee take pleasure in expressing their hearty concurrence, both in the suggestion and the supposition. They are decidedly of opinion, that the union of three States in the endowment of a Theological Seminary, is practicable, and that its operation will be productive of results the most desirable. They, therefore, recommend the following resolutions to the adoption of your body:

1. *Resolved*, That this Convention receives, with much satisfaction, from her sister Convention, of the State of Georgia, the suggestion of united effort in the support of a Theological Seminary, and is ready to enter into measures, for carrying out the plan of operation, upon principles of just reciprocity.

2. That the brethren, Johnson, J. C. Furman, Culpeper, C. M. Breaker, and Harlee, who are the messengers of this body to the Georgia Convention, be instructed and authorized to confer with that body on the details of the plan, at its next meeting in 1843.

3. That the brethren, above named, are requested to report the result of their labors, with the Georgia Convention, to the Board of Trustees of the Furman Theological Institution, at its semi-annual meeting in June next, who are hereby authorized to accept the plan of united effort, which may be so reported to them, if they shall approve it, and to take measures for carrying it into effect.

All which is respectfully submitted,

W. B. JOHNSON, *Chairman.*

The report adopted.

The Convention adjourned to 10 o'clock. to-morrow morning.  
Prayer by C. M. Breaker.

TUESDAY, 10 O'CLOCK.

26. The Convention met. Prayer by J. L. Reynolds.
27. The letter to the Georgia Convention was read and approved.
28. The following report was received and concurred in:

The committee, to whom was referred the resolution, concerning the publications of the American Baptist Publication Society, respectfully report:

That they are of opinion, that many of our denomination in the State, are not informed of the existence of such a Society, and that the importance of united and vigorous exertions for extending the knowledge of our distinctive principles, is felt to a very limited extent. And for these reasons, they fear that the Scriptures are too much neglected, even by those who profess to be governed by them. Every means, therefore, by which the knowledge of Divine truth may be advanced, deserves the attention of this body, and as the American Baptist Publication and Sunday School Society is procuring and publishing valuable works, suited to each sex, to every condition of life, and to all ages, all tending to throw light upon the Holy Volume, to endear its sacred pages to the lovers of Divine truth, and to engage those who do not love it, to seek it, your committee propose for your adoption, the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That we recommend to the American Baptist Sunday School and Publication Society, the establishment of a depository for their works in the city of Charleston, by which means a readier access to them may be had by the people of the State.

2. That the ministers, and other members of the churches, procure such of the works of the Society, as they may think proper, and endeavor to circulate them within their respective spheres.

3. That if any minister of the gospel of our denomination should be disposed, in his itinerant tours to take with him supplies of the works of the Society, for sale, the enterprize will meet with the cordial approbation of this body.

A. RICE, *Chairman*.

29. A resolution was passed, approving the design of publishing the Southern Baptist Advocate in Charleston, and recommending it to the hearty support of the Denomination, and all the friends of truth.

30. The President informed the Convention, that the Board of Trustees were not quite ready to make their report, whereupon, it was *Resolved* to go into recess, to give the Board opportunity to meet.

31. The Convention being called together, by the President, the Secretary of the Board of Trustees read their Minutes as a report, to the Convention. The report was approved and concurred in; and it was ordered that an abstract of the report be published with our Minutes.



32. Whereas, it has been intimated to us, that our esteemed brother, the Rev. Thomas Dawson, has expressed a wish to itinerate in the State, with a view of preaching the gospel, and selling religious and other books, which we have learned with pleasure; *Therefore, Resolved*, that we cordially recommend him to the Board of Managers of the American Baptist Publication Society, as a suitable person to put their publications in circulation; and that we cordially and affectionately recommend brother Dawson to the brethren and churches of our State, as a brother, in whose integrity and uprightness most implicit confidence may be placed.

33. Whereas, we have learned, with deep regret, that our esteemed brethren in Denmark, have been much persecuted by the government of that country, on account of their religious principles and practice; *Therefore, Resolved*, that we recommend them to the christian sympathies and prayers of our churches, and to such pecuniary contributions, to relieve their distresses, as their benevolent feelings may dictate, or the necessities of our brethren may require.

34. *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be instructed to inquire into the actual state of the fund belonging to the Charleston Juvenile Female Missionary and Education Society, and to make report to that body.

35. A vote of thanks was unanimously passed to the brethren and friends of this community, for the cordial hospitality extended to the members of this body, and the corresponding messengers from other bodies.

36. The Minutes were read and confirmed; and, after prayer, and the benediction by the President, the Convention adjourned.

WILLIAM BULLEIN JOHNSON, *President*.

J. C. FURMAN, *Secretary*.

*Note*.—The request is hereby made of the Clerks in the various Associations of the State, to send, by mail, a copy of their Minutes, every year, to the Senior Professor of the Furman Institution, near Winnsboro'.

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## REPORT OF ALEXANDER J. LAWTON,

*Treasurer of the State Convention of the Baptist Denomination in South Carolina, for December, 1842.*

### PERMANENT FUND.

1842,		<i>Principal.</i>	<i>Interest.</i>
Dec.	To amount bonds due per last report,	\$26,990 95	\$4430 61
	To which add, erroneously deducted in last report,		
	Amount paid by S. H. Butler,	\$10 00	
	Am't. paid by Charleston Fem. Juv. Mis. and Ed'n. Society,		
		20 00	30 00

And also, Edward Lathrop's } bond, due 1st Dec. 1841, }	\$50 00	
Isaac Nicholes, do. do.	50 00	
Interest accumulated since,		1874 34
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	\$27,120 95	6304 95
Deduct interest, 1 year on S. Nicholson's bond, pd.		3 50
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		\$6301 45
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## PER CONTRA.

By cash of E. H. Peeples, int. 6 years to 1st Jan. '42,	\$21 00	
By cash of R. J. Davant, int. 1 year,	26 56	
By cash of G. L. Reynolds, int. 6 years,	42 00	
By cash of B. N. Robert, int. 2 years,	14 00	
By cash of B. H. Brown, int. 1 year,	14 00	
By cash of Isaac Nicholes, 1 year,	3 50	
By cash of Henry Bailey, int. 6 years,	42 00	
By cash of M. T. Mendenhall, int. 1 year,	700 00	
By cash of C. Burckmyer, int. 4 years to Jan. '41,	140 00	
By cash of Wm. B. Johnson, 1 year's int.	28 00	
By cash of G. L. Penn, 1 year's int.	7 00	
By cash of R. T. Mims, 1 year's int.	10 78	
By cash of estate Jennings O'Bannon, 2 year's int.	28 00	
By cash of J. L. Reynolds, 1 year's int.	14 00	
By cash of John M. Timmons, in Dec. 1841,	14 00	
By cash of Edw'd. Lathrop, 1 year's int.	3 50	
By cash of Charles M. Furman, 1 year's int.	35 00	
By cash of J. B. Davis, in part of interest,	50 00	
By cash of David Palmer, to January, '42,	5 25	
By cash of Philip Givens, to January, '42,	28 00	
By cash of R. Fuller, to January, '42,	14 00	
By cash of Angus Patterson, in part of interest,	40 00	
By cash of B. H. Brown, to January, '42,	14 00	
By cash of C. H. Colding, to January, '42,	1 75	
By cash of J. Trapp, to January, '41,	1 75	
By cash of E. J. Lide, to January, '43,	21 00	
By cash of H. Lide, to January, '43,	2 71	7 29
By cash of J. F. Wilson, to January, '42,	14 00	
By cash of J. O. B. Dargan, to Jan'y, '43,	3 50	
By cash of J. M. Childs, to January, '43,	21 00	
By cash of S. Nicholson, to Jan'y. '43, full,	50 00	14 00
By cash of J. O. Nicholson, to Jan'y. '42,	7 00	
By cash of J. M. Blocker, to Jan'y. '42,	3 15	
By cash of I. D. Wilson 5th instalment,	10 00	
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Balance unpaid,	\$27,053 66	\$4917 00
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## CASH.—PERMANENT FUND.

1842,	By cash on hand per last report,	8555 76
Dec.	By cash of Hugh Lide,	7 29
	By cash of Shemuel Nicholson, full,	50 00
	By cash of Isaac D. Wilson, 5th instalment,	10 00
	Cash on hand,	623 05

## GENERAL PURPOSES.

1842,	To cash paid W. B. Johnson's order to W. Riley,	75 00
March,	To cash paid do. to W. Riley Minutes } and Circular, }	82 00
	To expenses, &c., of Treasurer,	100 00
		257 00

## PER CONTRA.

1842,	By cash of A. Whatley,	10 00
Dec. 12,	By cash at Convention,	88 57
	By cash of J. Culpeper, agent,	105 13
		203 70
	Due Treasurer,	53 40

## BENEFICIARIES IN THEOLOGY.

	By cash per last report,	5 00
1842,	By cash at this Convention,	6 00
Dec.	By cash of C. M. Furman, } Per Agent,	20 00
	By cash of S. O. Nicholson, } J. Culpeper,	5 00
		36 00

## THEOLOGICAL DEPARTMENT.

	To cash due Treasurer at last report,	777 21
1842,	To cash paid J. L. Reynolds one qua'r. salary,	375 00
April,	To cash paid do. 2d do.	375 00
June,		1527 21
Dec.	To paid Professor J. L. Reynold's 3d and } 4th quarter's salary, }	750 00
		2277 21

## PER CONTRA.

1842,

By cash for interest received to Dec. 3,	\$1003 06
By cash of Savannah River Baptist Asso. int.	155 98
By cash for interest to date,	381 39
By cash of Mendenhall & Smith, per gen'l. ag't.	40 00

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Due Treasurer,	696 78
By cash sent to "Furman Institution," and } transferred,	22 50

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To cash paid John Culpeper, steward, for } board of beneficiaries, on ac't. of Charles- } ton Female Education Society,	171 50
Balance due Treasurer,	845 78

## THEOLOGICAL BUILDINGS.

By cash on hand at last report,	\$512 00
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1842,

By cash of T. Hamilton, 3d yr. Watkins' sub.	10 00
By cash of E. H. Peeples, do. full,	3 00
By cash of R. G. Lawrence, do. full,	20 00
By cash of Susan Lawrence, do. full,	15 00
By cash of Henry Smart, do. full,	30 00
By cash of Mary Forrester, do. full,	6 00
By cash of H. J. Nichols, do. full,	60 00

Nov. By cash of B. H. Brown, 4th instalment,	20 00
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676 00

Dec. By cash of sundry persons, collected by J. } Culpeper, general agent. See his report } for names,	164 00
Balance on hand,	840 00

## AMERICAN BAPTIST BOARD FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

By cash per last report,	241 12
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1842,

Jan. To cash remitted Heman Lincoln, treasurer,	241 12
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Dec. By cash for Burman Missions,	85 00
By cash for Foreign Missions,	152 46
By cash for do. of Bethel Association,	23 30
By cash for Burman Bible of do.	2 50
By cash for do.	0 50

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## AMERICAN AND FOREIGN BIBLE SOCIETY.

1841,		
Dec.	By cash on hand per last report,	\$46 75
1842,		
Jan.	To cash paid H. Lincoln, to forward to Society,	46 75
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1842,		
Dec. 12,	By cash at Convention,	14 50
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## AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

1841,		
Dec.	By cash per last report,	42 00
1842,		
Jan.	To cash remitted H. Lincoln, to forward to Soc'y.	42 00
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## CHARLESTON FEMALE JUVENILE MISSIONARY AND EDUCATION SOCIETY. (INCLUDED IN PERMANENT FUND.)

1841,		
Dec.	By amount of fund per last report,	2501 09
	By interest thereon for one year,	175 07
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		2676 16
	Less—Loss on two United States Bank shares, } and interest since July, 1829, on do. }	291 33
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		2384 83
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## PER CONTRA.

1842,		
Dec. 12,	To cash paid John Culpeper, steward, for } board of beneficiaries,	171 50
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	Balance due on 1st January, 1843,	2213 33
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## EDUCATION PURPOSES.

1842,		
Dec. 12,	By cash at Convention,	\$21 00
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## DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

1842,		
Dec. 12,	By cash at Convention,	59 50
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## EDUCATION SOCIETY.

1842,			
Dec.	By cash at Convention,		50 00
	By cash collected by J. Culpepper, agent,		110 00
			<u>160 00</u>
	To cash retained by J. Culpepper, } as Treasurer of Society,	110 00	
	To cash paid do. do.	50 00	<u>160 00</u>

## LIBRARY OF FURMAN INSTITUTION.

1842,			
Dec.	By cash of W. B. Johnson, per general agent,		20 00

## FURMAN INSTITUTION.

1842,			
Dec.	By cash at Convention,		22 50
	To cash transferred to credit of Theological } Department,		22 50

## AGGREGATE CASH ON HAND.

Permanent Fund—on hand,		\$623 05
General Purposes—due Treasurer,	53 30	
Beneficiaries—on hand,		36 00
Theo'l. Dep'tment—due Treasurer,	845 78	
Theological Buildings—on hand,		840 00
Am. Bap. Bd. for For. Mis.—on hand,		263 76
Am. and For. Bible Soc.—on hand,		14 50
Education Purposes,		21 00
Domestic Missions,		59 50
Library,		20 00
	<u>\$899 08</u>	<u>\$1877 81</u>
Balance on hand,		<u>\$978 73</u>

ALEX'R. J. LAWTON, *Treasurer.**Anderson C. H. 12th Dec. 1842.*

## MONEYS

*Collected by JOHN CULPEPER, General Agent of the Board of Trustees, reported December, 1842.*

## FOR GENERAL PURPOSES.

Of John Terrell, \$25; T. P. Lide, \$50; A. P. Lacoste, \$25,	\$100 00
J. W. Burn, \$25; Dr. Zimmerman, \$12 50,	37 50
A. Burn, \$5; Doct. Hooper, \$50; Sarah E. Adams, \$5,	60 00
B. F. Smith, \$5; J. D. Bair, \$10; John Seatt, \$50;	65 00
Doct. Brantly, \$10; J. B. O'Neal, \$50; G. N. Reynolds, \$20,	80 00
Richard Gains, \$5; Clayton Webb, \$5; S. Vandiver, \$2,	12 00
John Lott, \$10; G. J. Williams, \$1; A. A. Clark, 5,	15 00
Elizabeth Curry, \$5; John Curry, \$5; Joel Curry, \$5,	15 00
Luke Devore, \$25; Catharine Devore, \$10; Daniel Prescott, \$20,	55 00
Martha Hobbes, \$5; John Jennings, \$5,	10 00
Mary Brooker, \$5; C. Prothro, \$10; A. Graham, \$3,	18 00
N. B. Thomas, \$10; G. W. Dargan, \$50,	60 00
Mary A. Dargan, \$5; G. J. Myers, \$50; George Petters, \$2 50,	57 50
John Spring, \$5; Frederic Ezell, \$2; A. J. Bowden, \$1,	8 00
Harbert Lanair, \$2; S. D. Smith, \$2; S. Petters, \$2,	6 00
J. P. Smith, \$2; C. Williamson, \$1; Unity Carter, \$2,	5 00
Mrs. M. Adams, \$5; Wm. Knotts, \$5; B. S. Sweat, \$10,	20 00
L. M. Ayer, \$10; James Fripp, jr., \$5; Ann Prichard, \$2 50,	17 50
Wm. Youmans, \$2; Thomas Chaplin, \$2; C. Bessileau, \$5,	9 00
W. A. Lawton, \$5; Mrs. W. A. Lawton, \$3; Sarah A. Lawton, 50 cts.,	8 50
Thomas Clarke, \$5; L. J. B. Fairchild, \$1; H. O. Wyer, \$5,	11 00
D. J. Walker, \$5; John Roson, \$2; W. P. Martin, \$5,	12 00
R. M. Timmons, \$1; J. O. Lewis, \$1; Mrs. General Thompson, \$5,	7 00
A. Clinkscales, \$1; M. Weeks, \$1; John China, jr., \$5,	7 00
Robert Martin, 4 50; Jesse Norman, 11 12,	15 62
G. G. Landrum, \$5; J. H. Landolph, \$1; Hiram Mitchel, \$1,	7 00
E. Webb, \$1; J. T. Coleman, \$5; Mrs. M. Hartstene, \$5,	11 00
David Sparks, \$17 50; R. G. Edwards, \$5; J. Huet, \$25,	47 50
Robert Childs, \$10; Edgefield Association, \$14 75,	24 75
James Shephard, \$5; H. A. Williams, \$5; Sundry persons, \$21,	31 00
A Friend, 25 cts.; John Culp, \$1; Elisha Tyler, \$3 50,	4 75
E. Entzminger, \$25; B. W. Whilden, \$5; H. J. Culp, \$5,	35 00
W. E. Hughson, \$25; James E. David, \$10,	35 00
Allen E. M'Iver, \$25; J. K. M'Iver, \$25; Doct. Warner, \$5,	55 00
J. C. James, \$5; C. B. Hort, \$1; Doct. Pressley, \$10,	16 00
H. Davis, \$25; Thomas Levy, 20; Francis Manderville, \$25,	70 00
J. Culpeper, \$25; A. H. David, \$5; S. Smith, 25 cts.; A Friend, 25 cts.,	30 50
Sarah P. Catlett, \$25; J. O. B. Dargan, \$12 50,	37 50
Alex'r. J. Lawton, \$25; J. A. Lawton, \$25; John Terrell, \$25,	75 00
Mrs. E. Stoney, \$20; W. P. Hill, \$5; A. Waller, \$10,	35 00
James Watson, \$10; Leroy Watson, \$10,	20 00
David Sparks, \$12 50; A. H. M'Gee, \$6,	18 50
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## PER CONTRA.

Salary of John Culpeper, agent, for 1842,	\$900 00
Balance due for salary, of 1841,	261 00—1161 00
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Carried to fund for General Purposes,	105 12
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## FOR PROFESSORS' SALARIES.

M. T. Mendenhall, \$20; Wm. Smith, \$20,	40 00
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## FOR SUPPORT OF BENEFICIARIES.

C. M. Furman, \$20 ; J. O. Nicholson, \$5,	25 00
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## FOR THE LIBRARY.

W. B. Johnson,	20 00
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## PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON BONDS.

C. M. Furman, \$35 ; Henry Bailey, \$42 ; J. B. Davis, \$50,	127 00
David Palmer, \$5 25 ; Philip Givens, \$28 ; R. Fuller, \$14,	47 25
A. Patterson, \$40 ; B. H. Brown, \$14 ; C. H. Colding, \$1 75,	55 75
J. Trapp, 1 75 ; E. J. Lide, \$21 ; H. Lide, principal, \$7 29 ; interest, 2 71,	32 75
John F. Wilson, \$14 ; J. O. B. Dargan, \$3 50 ; J. M. Childs, \$21,	38 50
Isaac D. Wilson, 5th instalment, \$10 ; J. O. Nicholson, \$7,	17 00
S. Nicholson, principal, \$50 ; interest, \$14 ; B. M. Blocker, \$3 15,	67 15
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## ON WATKINS' SUBSCRIPTION FOR THEOLOGICAL BUILDINGS.

Mary A. Blackwell, \$15 ; Edward Fripp, \$40,	55 00
James Fripp, jr., \$20 ; Thomas Hamilton, \$10,	30 00
B. H. Brown, \$20 ; Job A. M'Call, \$20 ; N. M'Call, \$10,	50 00
P. R. M'Iver, \$5 ; R. Napier, \$20 ; S. Nixon, 4,	29 00
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## FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Bethel Association,	23 30
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## FOR BURMAN BIBLE.

Bethel Association,	2 50
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## FOR EDUCATION SOCIETY.

W. B. Johnson, \$5 ; T. P. Lide, \$5 ; J. Davis, \$5,	15 00
Z. Watkins, \$5 ; J. L. Reynolds, \$5 ; B. Robertson, \$5,	15 00
A. J. Chaplin, \$5 ; O. Woodward, \$5 ; J. M. Timmons, \$5,	15 00
John Belton O'Neal, \$5 ; J. Culpeper, \$5 ; W. Smith, \$5,	15 00
E. Yarborough, \$5 ; Wm. E. Hughson, \$5 ; L. Boykin, \$5,	15 00
W. W. Childer, \$5 ; Adna Johnston, \$5 ; J. Grisham, \$5,	15 00
Wm. M'Gee, \$5 ; Thomas M. Sloan, \$5 ; W. C. Smith, \$5,	15 00
Alexander J. Lawton,	5 00
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## AGGREGATE OF COLLECTIONS BY GENERAL AGENT.

For General Purposes,	\$1266 12
For Professors' Salaries,	40 00
For Support of Beneficiaries,	25 00
For Library,	20 00
For Theological Buildings—Watkins' Subscription,	164 00
For Foreign Missions,	23 30
For Burman Bible,	2 50
For Education Society,	110 00
For Principal and Interest on Bonds,	385 40
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## SETTLED AS FOLLOWS:

Retained by General Agent, for Salary of 1842,	\$900 00
Retained by General Agent, for balance of Salary 1841,	261 00
Retained by General Agent, as Treasurer of Edu'n. Soc.	110 00
Retained by General Agent, as Steward of Furman } Institution for board of students at the charge of } Charleston Female Education and Miss'y. Society, }	171 50
Paid Wm. Smith, Treasurer of Board of Trustees, } through Z Watkins, }	89 85
Paid Treasurer of Convention, and carried by him to } appropriate designations, }	503 97—\$2036 32

JOHN CULPEPER, *General Agent.**Anderson C. H., 12th Dec. 1842.*

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## MINUTES

OF THE

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

OF THE FURMAN THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTION.

ANDERSON C. H. DEC. 9, 1842.

1. The Board met, the following members being present, viz.: Johnson, Watkins, Roberts, Culpeper, Rice, J. C. Furman, Breaker, and Chiles. After prayer by Bro. Pearson, proceeded to business.

2. The President being absent, Bro. Johnson, the Vice President, took the chair.

3. The Secretary being absent, Bro. Chiles was requested to act as Secretary *pro tem.*, and after the reading of the Minutes of the last meeting, proceeded to elect officers.

4. Elected J. Davis, President; W. B. Johnson, Vice President; J. M. Roberts, Secretary; and W. Smith, Treasurer.

5. Called for, and read the Treasurer's Report, which, with the vouchers, was referred to a committee of two, viz., Rice and Breaker.

6. Appointed a committee of three, viz., Furman, Chiles, and Watkins, to take into consideration the propriety of employing an Agent for another year; also the expediency of employing another Professor in the Institution.

Adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

## SATURDAY EVENING, 8 O'CLOCK.

7. The Board met at the call of the President; three other members of the Board having arrived, viz., Reynolds, A. J. Lawton, and J. A. Lawton, and, after prayer, received the report of the Committee on the Treasurer's account, which was concurred in.

8. Called for the Agent's Report, which was referred to a committee of two, viz., Watkins and Roberts.

Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock, on Monday morning.

9. The Board met at 9 o'clock, on Monday morning. After prayer by Bro. Roberts, appointed Bro. Johnson to prepare Rules for the better organization of the Institution.

10. Appointed J. L. Reynolds, W. Smith, and J. Culpeper, the Executive Committee.

11. Whereas the Board agreed to give the Agent for this year \$800; and whereas, at a meeting of the Board, called by the President, after their regular adjournment, (when some members, who had voted for the salary of \$800, had left,) it was resolved to increase his salary to \$1000, with the understanding, that if this arrangement was not approved of at the present meeting of the Board, members, then present, in their individual capacity, were to make up the sum of \$200; and whereas, the Agent proposes to surrender to the Board \$100: "*Resolved*, that \$900 be paid to the Agent in remuneration for his services, for the year now ending."

12. The committee appointed to examine the Agent's accounts, reported—which report was concurred in.

13. The committee appointed to take into consideration the propriety of employing an Agent for another year; also, the expediency of employing another Professor in the Institution, reported. So much of the report, as relates to the employing of an Agent, was concurred in, and Bro. Culpeper was re-elected Agent, with the understanding, that he is to be in the service of the Convention seven months and a half, during the year, and that his compensation be \$500. The remainder of the report was recommitted, and as Bro. Chiles had left, Bro. A. J. Lawton was added to the committee.

Adjourned, to meet at the call of the President.

## TUESDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

14. Met at the call of the President; and, after prayer, proceeded to business. The following resolution was adopted: "*Resolved*, that the Treasurer of the Convention be directed, to apply any funds in his hands, not specially appropriated, to the payment of the debt of the Institution; and that the Agent be directed to use his best efforts in raising funds, for the entire liquidation of said debt.

15. The committee, to whom was recommitted the matter of employing another Professor, reported—That, as under the present depressed state of the pecuniary affairs of the Convention, Professor Reynolds was willing to take \$1300, as his salary for the ensuing year—they recommend the election of another Professor.

16. The Board proceeded to elect another Professor, which resulted in the choice of Bro. James S. Mims. Bro. Furman was requested to wait on Bro. Mims, and inform him of his election. Bro.

Mims accepted the appointment, with the understanding, that he is to receive as a salary the ensuing year, \$800.

17. *Resolved*. That the Agent use his best efforts in raising funds for the support of the Professors; also, for finishing the Institution building and making repairs.

18. *Resolved*. That the authority conferred on the Executive Committee, at the last meeting, "as regards the sale of land," be continued.

19. The Board of Trustees reported to the Convention, by reading their Minutes. The report was concurred in, and the Secretary directed to prepare an abstract of the Minutes, for publication with the Minutes of Convention.

Adjourned to meet at the Institution on the Saturday before the third Lord's Day in June next.

J. M. ROBERTS, *Secretary*.

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## THE CONSTITUTION

*Of the State Convention of the Baptist Denomination in South Carolina, as amended at their meeting in December, 1840, at Sumterville.*

We, the representatives of the constituent bodies of the State Convention of the Baptist denomination in South Carolina, do agree upon the following articles, as forming the annexed Constitution of the Convention, and the basis of the union.

ARTICLE I. This body shall be styled *The State Convention of the Baptist Denomination in South Carolina*.

ART II. The grand objects of this Convention shall be, the promotion of religious education, and particularly that of pious young men designed for the gospel ministry—to bring the Baptist churches of this State into closer union—to harmonize their views and feelings in things spiritual, by conferring together on all matters of interest, respecting the kingdom of God—and, in general, to direct and concentrate their efforts, in such measures as may, in their opinion, tend to promote the glory of God, and the spread of evangelical knowledge in the earth. The Convention, though not unwilling to give advice in cases of difficulty, yet will claim to itself no power to lord it over God's heritage, believing that the right of government, under Christ, is vested in the churches themselves.

ART. III. The Convention shall consist of delegates from the several Baptist Associations in this State, who may approve of the measures here adopted; and of representatives from other religious bodies of the Baptist connexion concerned in the promotion of the same objects with the Convention: The number of delegates and representatives bearing always a just proportion to the number of their constituents. The attending delegates shall be a quorum to do business. The appointment of these delegates shall be made annually or biennially, as the Convention shall determine to hold its



meeting; and a certificate of their appointment shall be exhibited to the Convention. The members of the Board of Agents shall be *ex officio* members of the new Convention.

ART. IV. The Convention shall have a President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. It shall also have a Board of Agents, for the transaction of business during its recess, consisting of eight members, the Treasurer *ex officio* being one of them, any three of whom, duly convened, shall be a quorum. The duties severally assigned to the officers of similar institutions, shall devolve on those of this body, according to their rank and character, in the Convention and the Board.

The Board, as agents, shall be adequate to the performance of all necessary business which may occur during the recess of the Convention. Both officers and agents shall hold their stations (unless forfeited by unrighteous conduct) till a new election. The Board shall have the power to fill vacancies in their own body.

ART. V. The support of a seminary of learning in this State, under the care of this Convention, shall be considered as a primary object. The design of this seminary is to assist those, who, in the judgment of their churches, are called of God to preach the gospel, that they may study to shew themselves workmen approved unto God, that need not be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. Those of this character, who need pecuniary aid, may receive it at the discretion of the Convention, from funds appropriated to this object. The government of this seminary shall be committed to a Board of Trustees, to be elected by the Convention, at the end of every fourth year. But, if from any cause the election shall not take place at the time appointed, the members of the Board shall continue in office till a new election shall be made. The Board of Trustees shall be governed by a set of rules, which shall form the constitution of the seminary, in conformity with which the seminary shall be managed in all its interests, pecuniary, literary, moral and religious. The Board shall present a written statement of their transactions, and of the state of the seminary, at each stated meeting of the Convention, which shall be subject to their approval.

ART. VI. Ministers of the gospel in any of our churches, needing aid in the more necessary part of learning, and unable to attend at the institution, may be furnished with a supply of the most useful books, from the general fund for education purposes.

ART. VII. Although contributions in money shall not be considered requisite to entitle to a representation in the Convention, yet this body will receive such contributions from any of its constituent bodies, that may wish to aid in the support of missionary service among the destitute, either at home or abroad; or of the education of pious young men, who may be approved by the churches to which they belong, as called of God to preach the gospel; or any other scheme of benevolence tending to the increase of evangelical and useful knowledge, or of vital, practical religion. "And the right of conducting the business of the fund will be considered as vested exclusively in the representatives of bodies which do regularly contribute." In electing the Board of Agents, none but the representatives of those who contribute regularly to the objects of the Con-

vention shall be entitled to a vote. Also, in electing the Board of Trustees, and in all matters relating to the theological seminary none but the representatives of regular contributors to that object shall be entitled to a vote. And that satisfaction may be given to the contributors, that their contributions are faithfully applied, a just and clear statement shall be published annually by the Board, both with respect to moneys received and expended. All moneys specially appropriated, shall be sacredly applied to the object designated. But where any contributions or bequests are made without any specific designation, discretion in their application shall be exercised by the Convention, or its Board of Agents.

ART. VIII. The Treasurer shall take charge of all moneys and specialties belonging to the Convention, and keep separate accounts of the amounts contributed for different objects; and render regular accounts of them to the Convention at its stated meetings; and also to the Board when called upon to do so. He shall be elected by this Convention at its stated meeting, and shall hold his office until the last day of the next meeting, and until another shall be elected, and give bond, and enter upon the duties of his office. For the faithful discharge of his trust, he shall give bond and security to this Convention, in such sum of money as they may, from time to time, direct. He shall pay no money out of the funds but by the order of the Convention, or Board, signed by the presiding officer. And should the said office become vacant by death, resignation, or removal, the said vacancy shall be filled by an election by the Board of Agents; and the person so elected by the Board, shall hold his office until the next stated meeting of the Convention, and until another shall be elected, give bond and security, and enter upon the duties of his office. And the Treasurer so elected, shall give bond, and do all the duties required, and in the same manner as if elected by the Convention.

ART. IX. The Convention may use its discretion in having either an annual or biennial meeting. But in cases of important concern, and especially when the arrangement for a biennial meeting has been made, the President may, at the instance of the Board, call an earlier meeting.

ART. X. Any alteration which experience may prove to be necessary, may be made in these rules, by the concurring vote of two thirds of the members present, at an annual or biennial meeting.

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